

**Construction of An Airstrip in Maharashtra**

7181. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a Proposal for the construction of an airstrip in Buldana district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Communication Facilities in Rajasthan**

7182. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts where new post offices, telephone exchanges, teleprinter services and telegraph offices were opened in Rajasthan during the last three years with number thereof, separately;

(b) the details of the scheme proposed to be formulated by the Government to provide these facilities during Eighth five year Plan;

(c) the progress made with regard to the provision of telephone and postal facilities at each panchayat headquarter during the last six months;

(d) whether the Government propose to give special priority to Rajasthan in regard to communication facilities in view of its being a backward and border area; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The district wise number of new post office, Telephone exchanges, Teleprinterservices and Telegraph offices opened in Rajasthan during the last three years is given in the attached Statements I, II and III.

(b) POSTOFFICE No details of schemes proposed can be indicated as the 8th five Year Plan has not been finalised.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES: As per draft 8th Five Year Plan in Rajasthan the net switching capacity is likely to be increased by over 4 lakh lines and over 3 lakh new subscribers are likely to be provided with telephone connections. Detailed proposals are drawn up annually. The criterion for opening new exchanges is when the minimum registered demand exceed 10 and suitable equipment becomes available.

TELEGRAPH OFFICES: During the Eighth Five Year Plan it has been proposed to upgrade Combined Post & Telegraph Offices into independent Telegraph Offices in Eleven District Headquarters in Rajasthan namely Jaisalmer, Barmer, Chittorgarh, Dungarpur, Rajsamand, Jhalwar, Baran, Bundi, Tonk, Dholpur and Dausa, Teleprinter services will be provided in all these Telegraph Offices.

(c) During the period from 1-10-91 to 31-3-1992, the number of Gram Panchayat Villages provided with Post Office Telephone facilities is under:

Post Offices- 123

Telephone - 1, 244

(d) and (e). Telephone facility. Governemnt have planned to provide telephone facility to all Panchayat Vilages giving priority to the Border areas of the country including those of Rajasthan, progressively by 31-3-1995, subject to availability of resources.

POSTAL FACILITIES. Yes Sir, relaxation for hilly, tribal desert and inaccessible area is already provided for in the existing norms for opening of sovereign branch Post Office.

(i) Branch Post Office. The minimum population stipulated for opening of a post office in hilly, tribal desert and inaccessible areas is 500 in an individual or 1000 in a group of villages as against 3000 in normal areas.

(ii) The minimum revenue prescribed for a post office in hilly, tribal, desert and inaccessible area is 15% of the cose as again 331/2 in normal areas.

SUB-POST OFFICES (OPENED UNDER PLAN). The permissible limit of loss is 4800 per annum in hilly, tribal areas and 2400 in normal rural areas.

#### STATEMENT- I

Sl. No. Name of District	No. of Post Offices opened in		
	89-90	90-91	91-92
1. Alwar	9	2	11
2. Ajmer	-	-	2
3. Baran	-	-	2
4. Banswara	5	12	5
5. Bhilwara	-	-	-
6. Bundi	-	-	1
7. Bharatpur	-	-	4
8. Barmer	-	1	10
9. Bikaner	-	4	9
10. Chittorgarh	-	2	8
11. Churu	-	1	-
12. Dausa	-	-	8

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Post Offices opened in		
		89-90	90-91	91-92
13.	Dholpur	-	-	8
14.	Dungarpur	-	5	5
15.	Jaipur	10	8	8
16.	Jhalawar	8	3	-
17.	Jaisalmer	-	-	-
18.	Jodhpur	-	-7	10
19.	Jalore	-	-	-
20.	Jhunjhunu	-	2	7
21.	Kota	1	8	1
22.	Nagan	-	-	6
23.	Pali	-	9	12
24.	Rajsamand	-	-	-
25.	Sawaimadhopur	-	-	1
26.	Sikar	-	-	1
27.	Sirohi	-	-	Nil
28.	Sriganganagar	-	13	23
29.	Tonk	-	-	1
30.	Udaipur	3	12	8
Total		36	86	143

**STATEMENT-II**

*List of the districts where telephone exchanges were opened During Last Three Years*

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of District</i>	<i>Number of New Telephone Exchanges opened during the last three years (1988-90 198-990 and 1990-91)</i>
1.	Ajmer	14
2.	Alwar	17
3.	Banswara	4
4.	Barana	1
5.	Barmer	3
6.	Bharatpur	6
7..	Bhilwara	5
8.	Bikaner	4
9.	Bundi	1
10.	Chittorgarh	5
11.	Chury	4
12.	Dausa	3
13.	Dholpur	1
14.	Dungarpur	3
15.	Jaipur	7
16.	Jaisalmer	3
17.	Jalore	1
18.	Jhalawar	5
19.	Jhunjhunu	12
20.	Jodhpur	5

Sl. No.	Name of District	Number of New Telephone Exchanges opened during the last three years (1988-90 198-990 and 1990-91)
21.	Kota	1
22.	Nagaur	11
23.	Pali	1
24.	Sawaimadhopur	9
25.	Rajsamand	2
26.	Sikar	12
27.	Sirohi	2
28.	Sriganganagar	8
29.	Tonk	3
30.	Udaipur	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>159</b>

### STATEMENT-III

#### *A Teleprinter services Introduced During last 3 Years in Rajasthan*

Year	Name of District <i>services introduced</i>	No. of stations where teleprinter
1988-89	1. Sawaimadhopur]	2
	2.. Sirohi	1
1989-90	1. Alwar	2
	2. Nagaur	1
1990-91	Nil	Nil